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PREPAREDNESS IS PLEA IN WILSON'S MESSAGE

President Asks Congress for Merchant Marine. Takes Shot at Un-American Crowd.

President Wilson's message to congress Tuesday is characterized by the press of all parties as the most interesting of his documents and full of timely and pertinent suggestions. That he struck the popular keynote in his advocacy of remedies for the many problems now confronting the government is evidenced by the comment of almost the entire American press.

"His conception of Pan-Americanism" as set forth in the message is broad and inspiring," says the Santa Fe New Mexican editorially, "his plea for preparedness is sensible, logical and business-like; his statements as to the need of a merchant marine are statements whose truth and pertinence are self-evident to every thinking citizen; his suggestions as to revenue are reasonable. Notwithstanding the restrained and level-headed tone of the message, the president, in his reference to citizens of foreign birth and foreigners in this country who have brought disgrace upon our nationalism by their underhanded and unpatriotic efforts in behalf of foreign sovereignties, displays more feeling than in any previous message. The expressions of indignation on the part of the president, at these instances of disloyalty and treason, will strike an answering chord in the heart of every patriotic American and he will have the approval of his country in whatever measures are taken to enable the 'hand of our power' to close over these undesirable aliens. President Wilson's arraignment of those who 'calling themselves Americans have so far forgotten themselves and their honor as citizens as to put their passionate sympathy with one or the other side in the great conflict in Europe above their regard for the peace and dignity of the United States' is a stinging one, and a deserved one and one more than justified by present developments in the exposure of Teutonic plots against the 'peace and dignity' of this country.

"It seems to us that the President's plea for a body of citizens who will be able when emergency arrives, to defend their country efficiently and promptly, is based upon the most conspicuous common sense. His presentation of the real American idea of preparedness, free from every taint of imperialistic ambition or desire for conquest or dominion, is admirable. We believe the following paragraph sums up well this American spirit:

"No one who really comprehends the spirit of the great people for whom we are appointed to speak can fail to perceive that their passion is for peace, their genius best displayed in the practice of the arts of peace. Great democracies are not belligerent. They do not desire or seek war. Their thought is of individual liberty and of the free labor that supports life and the unencumbered thought that quickens it. Conquest and dominion are not in our reckoning, or agreeable to our principles. But just because we demand unmoled development and the undisturbed government of our lives upon our own principles of right and liberty, we resent, from whatever quarter it may come, the aggression we ourselves will not practice. We insist upon security in prosecuting our self-chosen lines of national development. We do more than that. We demand it also for others."

St. Louis to get Convention

Washington, Dec. 6.—If anyone had any last lingering doubts as to whether Woodrow Wilson would be the democratic nominee for the presidency in 1916, those last lingering doubts would vanish after an

hour's milling with the Democratic hosts who are gathering here for the meeting of the national committee tomorrow.

Someone was foolish enough to start a poll of the committeemen as they arrived from the various states. After getting twelve straight ballots reading "Wilson sure" and stares as if to say, "Why ask such a question?" the poll was abandoned. It only emphasizes the dead certainty—barring a most revolutionary upheaval of sentiment—of the renomination of the president.

The fight for the convention was a lively one tonight, with St. Louis claiming victory. Dallas has a big delegation here and a noisy one. San Francisco is out of the running. The convention will go either to St. Louis or Chicago and the dope on the cards was for St. Louis to land the democratic convention and Chicago the G. O. P. gathering. The St. Louis convention committee is the best organized and has worked more systematically. St. Louis claimed twenty-four votes of fifty-three, together with fourteen second choices.

The fight before the committee will present one dramatic phase. Speaker Champ Clark and Senator Stone will present the claim of St. Louis to the convention. Roger Sullivan of Illinois will present the case for Chicago. Intensity is added to the fight because of the Baltimore convention when Roger Sullivan swung the Illinois delegation to Wilson and the Clark presidential boom went flat.

Ton Pence, assistant to national Chairman McCombs, will be elected secretary of the committee. It was reported Rolla Wells of St. Louis would resign as treasurer. This report Mr. Wells most vigorously denied tonight. The two dates discussed for the convention are June 13 and June 20. The earlier probably will be picked.

Democrats and thousands of voters of all parties, are for Wilson regardless of his program, because they believe he is their one best bet. Many are frank enough to admit that Wilson is stronger than the party generally.

OUTSIDERS KILLING DEER

Game protectionists in New Mexico are up in arms against Colorado hunters who slide over the line into northern New Mexico and invade the national forests and other hunting grounds for the purpose of killing deer. Colorado has a three-year closed season on deer. The protectionists claim that residents of Colorado come over the line, claim to be residents of New Mexico, and take out license and proceed to slaughter the deer.

Sixty Seven American Universities Have Latin-American Course

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 9.—Sixty-seven American universities and colleges have added special courses in Latin-American training during the past year, according to a statement by Prof. Roscoe R. Hill, professor of history in the New Mexico state university, and head of the university's new department of Latin-American training. The statement came out in the course of a general statement of opportunity in Latin-America for young men of the United States, and the increasingly urgent demand for young men already trained in the language, customs, history, geography and economic conditions of the twenty republics south of the Rio Grande. The new department of the university is now well under way and bids fair to prove a tremendous success. It has aroused lively interest among educators all over the state, who see in it an inducement to Spanish-speaking young men to seek higher education. The enrollment in Prof. Hill's courses promises to be materially increased with the opening of the second semester at the university, on Tuesday, January 11th.

H. G. Magruder of Hayden, was a business visitor in Clayton Friday and Saturday.

CHURCH ENTERTAINS AT BANQUET AT K. P. HALL

Rev. Dum's Annual Get-Together Meeting Attended by More than 100 Business Men

As guests of the M. E. Church members of the Clayton Business Mens' Association with many invited guests, totaling more than 100, got together for a grand feed at the K. P. hall Thursday night and figured out that Clayton was the best town in the world.

This meeting was one of the most enthusiastic of its kind ever held in Clayton. The credit for the affair is due to Rev. Ray Spotts Dum pastor of the Methodist church and the lady members who built the swell things to eat which were consumed by the hungry crew. The hall was gayly decorated for the occasion with red and green streamers and dozens of pennants. Music was furnished by Mrs. M. R. Jones. Simon Herzstein, thinking the affair was not complete without flowers, ordered a bunch from Denver and stood at the entrance and pinned a carnation to each guest as they entered.

After the eats Rev. Dum as toastmaster, made a short plain talk which had effect on the hearers of making them view the church in a different light. The little talk presented a broad view of the church and its relations to the town and its business. Rev. Dum advanced the thought that the church should not be a social parasite but as wide-awake live organization vitally interested in the welfare and progress of the city, county, state and nation.

Short, pertinent speeches were made by Clayton's business men, among them being O. P. Easterwood, Morris Johnson, "Slats" Rankin, G. G. Granville, H. Herzstein, W. C. Barnhart, Joe Gill, H. B. Woodward, Fulgencio C. de Baca, Robt. W. Isaacs, W. D. Kilburn, H. H. Errett, J. W. Thompson and others. Messrs. Errett and Thompson spoke on the need of more school buildings for Clayton, emphasizing the fact that Clayton has taken on a marvelous growth while but little has been added to the school facilities in the last few years. From beginning to end the banquet and meeting constituted an event long to be remembered.

DAIRY COWS MIGHT LURE CONDENSORY TO CLAYTON

Butter and Cream Business Not an Experiment but a Valuable Asset to the Farmer.

An item in The News market report of last week sets forth a staple, which from the price, would indicate that the demand exceeds the supply, to wit: Butter, 30 cents per pound.

In Kansas and Oklahoma where dairy stock and products are more in evidence than in Union county, the price is somewhat lower, yet the farmers of those states count their dairy business one of the farm's principal assets, their meal ticket as it were.

In Union county the farm dairy business has been woefully neglected, due perhaps to the newness of the country. Situated as we are, within direct touch with the markets, with world's of pasture and feed galore it seems that farmers are overlooking a big bet in passing up this branch of the business.

Enough dairy cattle in Union county would mean a milk condensory right here in Clayton, hence a cash market for the product just as it is taken from the cows.

One commendable feature of the dairy farming business is that it is past the experimental stage. It has been tried in other communities

and it is a noticeable fact that these communities are prosperous. Another feature we have noticed is that it is largely a side line in farming and does not interfere with other branches of the business.

MISS EKLUND ENTERS CONTEST

Miss Inez Eklund has entered the "Brains and Beauty" contest that is being conducted by the World Film Corporation.

Candidates from all over the United States will compete to enter the ranks of movie actresses. Eleven young ladies will be selected from the contestants who will be sent to the corporation's studio at Fort Lee, New Jersey, for a course of instruction and a thorough tryout. If they are successful the company employs them at the regular star salary. The merit of the candidates is subject to the judgment of Lillian Russell and David Belasco.

The contest is being conducted by correspondence and Miss Eklund is making a strenuous effort to be one of the chosen eleven. The contest closes about January 15.

DES MOINES MAN KILLS SELF

A man named Spell, about 50 years old, who recently came to Des Moines from Farmersville, Texas, committed suicide Wednesday by shooting himself through the head with a .38 calibre revolver at the Central hotel in Des Moines. It is reported that Mr. Spell had been heard to state that he would kill himself if his health did not improve. This is the only reason given for his act. He was a member of the firm of Barless and Spell that recently purchased the J. F. Branson grocery stock.

Mrs. Spell arrived Wednesday evening from Texas. She was in ignorance of her husband's death until she reached Grenville, where she was given the information.

CLAYTON IS HIGH PRICED MARKET

According to local horse dealers the prices paid in Clayton for horses and mules are higher than any known market. There has been little or no shipping of horses from Clayton on account of the big local demand, but according to horsemen, that demand has been pretty well taken care of.

EVERYBODY'S GOT IT

It would be much easier to tell the names of folks who have not had the blanket-blank gripe than of those who have been forced to seek the bed in Clayton during the past two weeks. All The News force has had a round of it and to finish it off nice the boss, High, went down and out Thursday. Physicians attribute the presence of the malady disease or whatever it is to too much summer in the middle of the winter.

Dr. James Hedley Coming

The second number of the Lyceum course, Dr. James Hedley, is billed to appear in Clayton December 23. Dr. Hedley comes recommended as an orator in a "class all of his own." The press reports style him as "reminding us of Abraham Lincoln." Don't forget the date, December 23.

CLAYTON MARKET QUOTATIONS

Following were the prices being paid by Clayton dealers at the time The News forms closed Friday at 6 p. m.

Saturday, December 11, 1915

Produce

Butter, per lb. 30

Cream, per lb. 29

Eggs, per doz. 35

Poultry

Hens, per lb. .08

Roosters, per lb. .08

Fryers, per lb. .11

Turkeys, per lb. .12

Grain

Kafir, No. 3 or better .67

Maize, No. 3 or better .67

Shelled Corn, No. 3 or better

per owl 1.00

GOOD CROPS AND MORE FARMERS BOOST TRADE

Clayton Business Folks Say Business is Fine and Everybody has Money to Spend.

There are more people employed in Clayton business establishments today than ever before in the history of the town.

Quite naturally proprietors of the various businesses attribute this condition to nothing more nor less than increased business.

Simon Herzstein, of the mail order competition store, says that firm's business shows wonderful increase over 1914. While Mr. Herzstein thinks his advertising campaign, in which he heralds to the public that he is a mail order house competitor, has had considerable to do with the increase he also thinks that the extremely prosperous year coupled with many new people coming to Union county is largely responsible.

Morris Johnson, of the Otto-Johnson company says the firm did a 100 per cent greater business in October 1915 than in any one prior month. Mr. Johnson is of the opinion that "there are more people, more stuff raised, more money—hence more buying."

When asked how the banking business was stacking up, D. W. Priestley, cashier of the First National Bank, said collection had never been better, and that everybody seemed to have money to deposit. Since August 1, business has increased to such an extent that it has been necessary to add one stenographer and a bookkeeper to the working force.

The instances cited are but examples of the prevailing condition—in every business in Clayton one hears the same story—business good and everything lovely.

Building Will Open About January 1

Work on the Herzstein building is progressing rapidly. The hanging awnings have been put into position. The steel ceiling is being put on and workmen who are in charge of the pebble dash finish began work the latter part of the week.

The entrance to the basement has been cut and that part of the building will be ready for occupancy when the building is opened about January 1.

When completed no other building in this part of the country will compare with it either in appearance or modern furnishings.

Big Monday Bigger Than Usual

Big Monday in Clayton was even bigger than usual. Hundreds of people from over the county and from neighboring counties in Oklahoma and Texas were here to take advantage of the bargains offered by Clayton merchants.

Farmers brought an unusually large amount of stuff to sell at the public auctions. Carson's and the People's Feed Yards were busy places all day.

Baptist Services

for Sunday, December 12th
9:45 a. m. Sunday School.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship.

Subject of Sermon "The Better Part."

7:30 p. m. Gospel services. The pastor will preach on "The Holy Scriptures."

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, Leader C. U. Bridges.

All are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

J. O. HERRIN, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bruns and family returned Friday from an extended visit to the Pacific coast country. They took in both fairs and visited relatives.

The News—All that the name implies.